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Taylor V. Oh

LIQUID PHASE OXIDATION OF P-XYLENE TO TEREPHTHALIC ACID IN

THE PRESENCE OF A CATALYST SYSTEM CONTAINING NICKEL,

MANGANESE, AND BROMINE ATOMS

Commissioner for Patents

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EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136 (a) (3)

Applicants petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for entry of the attached Response to an Office Action dated October 4, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any future repoly, which requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner also is authorized to charge the fee required for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

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